

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2654 - HB 2831

February 7, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits approval of a public charter school application if the sponsor or governing body of the school is controlled by foreign nationals. Prohibits a public charter school from contracting for goods or services with an individual who is a foreign national or an entity that is controlled by foreign nationals. Prohibits a public charter school from hiring a teacher who is a foreign national and not a lawful permanent resident of the United States. Defines "control," "controlling," or "controlled by" as the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of an entity. Defines "foreign national" as an individual who is not a citizen of the United States. Contracts and agreements in effect before the passage of this act will remain in full force and effect until the expiration of the contract or agreement.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The state and local education agencies (LEAs) will continue to provide the required amount of funding to public charter schools. No fiscal impact on state or local expenditures.
- Any fiscal impact resulting from hiring more teachers or contracting with different entities based on this prohibition will be the responsibility of the public charter school.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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